

Vandalism not tolerated on Caserma Ederle

Security, SNAP patrols increased

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Special to the Outlook

If you were considering moving into a new area, you would look at neighborhoods that are aesthetically pleasing, free of litter and vandalism.

Has living in Villaggio become a privilege that is being taken for granted by some of its inhabitants? Unfortunately, Villaggio residents are seeing more and more incidents of vandalism in our own neighborhoods.

People don't choose to live in or near areas where graffiti defaces the streets and buildings, because most people don't feel safe in this environment.

Because of the increased incidents of vandalism and hooliganism in Villaggio, residents should be prepared to see increased security patrols and law enforcement presence.

The local Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program (SNAP) volunteers have been notified of the need for more foot patrols in areas that are not easily accessible by cars.

The Italian contract security service guards have also increased foot patrols around fence lines and sidewalks in between housing units as there are many places for vandals to hide off the beaten path.

Residents are asked not to be alarmed if you see security forces near the border of your backyard. They are there to deter and prevent crime although their primary purpose is for force protection.

To help address this problem, the 22nd Area Support Group Juvenile Crime Prevention program is working hard to maintain the quality of living we all deserve.

The objectives of the Juvenile Crime Prevention program is two-fold: one part of this is to educate the community on their responsibilities to prevent crime in our community. This is done through programs like the SNAP and Drug Abuse Resistance



Top: Vandals have sprayed painted graffiti on the boards of the new skate park on Villaggio and damaged one of the pavilions. Above left: An illegal fort was erected along the side of a privacy wall and subsequently sprayed with graffiti. Above right: Someone has thrown a bag of garbage out along a path, defaced an outbuilding and started a fire next to the building. (Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Pomeroy, SETAF Public Affairs)

Education (D.A.R.E.) programs.

The other part is to identify and recommend rehabilitation efforts toward juvenile offenders, which is done through the use of the 22nd ASG Juvenile Review Board. The JRB's mission is to adjudicate misconduct by juveniles on Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby.

The JRB is informal and administrative in nature. The scope of corrective action is to educate, deter, rehabilitate and prevent future misconduct.

Vandalism is a crime that is punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Vandals can be expelled from government quarters, face charges from damage to

government property, damage to private property and, if a fire occurs, arson charges. As a reminder, open fires are illegal in Italy.

To become involved with your local SNAP call 634-6264 or 0444-71-6264.

It is very important that people report any and all suspicious activities to the MP's at 634-7114 or 0444-71-7114.

Changes to gate operations, trash collection points for La Sagra Americana

Directorate of MWR and Office of the Provost Marshal
Press Release

The following procedures are in effect Saturday and Sunday for *La Sagra Americana*:

All NATO/SETAF Italian Military, U.S. ID card holders and local third-country citizens with installation passes may enter through Gate #2 (viale delle Pace) which is open 24 hours, seven days a week.

Local and third country citizens without installation passes must enter through Gate #5 (entrance is off, which is open from 4 p.m.-midnight).

Anyone wishing to sign in a guest after midnight, must go to either Gate #1 (via Aldo Moro) or Gate #2.

On these days 9th Street and the

North-40 road will be closed to non-essential traffic from Club Veneto to the Ederle Inn. U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza patrons will need to use 8th Street, which runs behind the clinic.

Olson Avenue will be closed to non-essential/emergency traffic from the Post Office to the Ederle Inn.

There will be no movement by vehicles except for escorted vendors, baby strollers and what is required for medical assistance.

No pets are allowed on the Sagra grounds except for dogs used to assist owners' movement.

No alcohol or glass bottles will be brought into the Sagra area.

The Caserma Ederle Library parking lot will be blocked off for Ederle Inn patron parking July 3 and 4, and the parking lots adjacent to buildings 108 and 109 will be blocked off on the July 4 for VIP parking

for the Salute to the Nation.

Several trash collection points will be available on the grounds of the Sagra. However, several other trash collection points have been moved.

The trash collection point normally found across from the Ederle Inn, in front of building 373, has been moved to the tennis courts by Joe Dugans.

The trash collection point located by Building 308, across from the schools, has been moved to the parking lot of the Vicenza Art Center.

Please note that the Installation Transportation Office Shuttle Bus has changed its schedule for July 3 and 4.

The shuttle bus schedule for July 3 and 4 can be found on page 8.

For questions about parking or traffic, please contact the Military Police at 634-7114.

San Bortolo Hospital changes phone numbers

Effective immediately, all telephone numbers at the San Bortolo Hospital beginning with the prefix "99" have changed to the prefix "75."

For example, the old Patient Liaison Desk number of 0444-99-3300 is now 0444-75-3300.

Emergency Numbers:

On Post: 114 (U.S. Military Police)

Off Post Toll Free: 800-064-077
(Reaches Military Police)

Italy-wide: 112 (Italian Police)
118 (Italian Medical)

Facts on dental care availability

Dental Command
Fact Sheet

1. During the last eight years, the U.S. Army Dental Corps has experienced dramatic reductions in officer strength. Although most of the reductions correlate directly to the reduced size of the military, one reduction of 108 dental officers in 1992 did not.
This reduction occurred because of the high percentage of other than active duty (OTAD) care provided by Army dentists. The strength of the Corps is based solely on active duty population, not on all eligible beneficiaries. The Officer of the Secretary of Defense for HEALTH Affairs limits dental care provided to OTAD beneficiaries.
2. One exception to this limitation of dental care is the care provided to active duty family members stationed overseas. However, this exception does not apply to retirees, retiree family members, or Department of the Army Civilians, who shall

- access the dental clinic on a space available basis.
3. Retirees and their family members may access the dental clinic at any time for true dental emergencies: bleeding, swelling, severe pain or trauma. Sick Call is also available for non-emergency treatment, but is on space available basis. Retirees and their family members will no longer receive scheduled appointments due to the limitation policy for ODT.
4. Type of dental care retirees and their family members may receive in the dental clinic will be routine treatment only, which is an examination, dental hygiene cleaning, and fillings. No specialty care (periodontics, orthodontics, endodontics, and prosthodontics) is available, even on stand-by basis.
5. Retirees and their family members are encouraged to use the stand-by system to access care, especially during deployment periods when most active duty personnel leave the Vicenza area.

Summer safety guidelines in housing

By Nick White
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Housing Programs Manager

With summer on the way, many people are probably setting up the trampoline and filling up the wading pool for children to use at home.
The 22nd ASG Housing Office asks that you keep a few safety guidelines in mind to ensure the summer is enjoyed by all.
Trampolines must be:
• Erected only in fenced yards.

- Put up with safety netting around their circumference.
 - Assembled and installed only in accordance with manufacturer’s directions.
- Trampolines may not be used without 100 percent compliance with these guidelines.
- Wading pools must be:
• Used only under adult supervision.
• Emptied of water immediately after use.
• Stored properly when not in use.
Direct any questions regarding these guidelines to Housing office at 634-8577.

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.
If you have an issue that you wish to submit, visit the 22nd Area Support Group Web site at www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link.
This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.
Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Family Readiness Center.

There is no CAC scheduled for June. The next CAC is July 27 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: Since the deployment there seems to be a decrease in the amount of people using the gym. Would it be possible to make some of the wall lockers available for weekly usage? Perhaps half of the lockers could be made available for weekly usage.
Personnel interested in a weekly locker could be allowed to sign up for a locker on Monday morning and clear the locker by 5 p.m. Friday.
This would make it a lot easier for those of us who use the gym several times a day. As a service member (working in Lerino) it is hard to leave my stuff in the locker as

I am not always sure that I'll be able to return to get it after work in order to avoid getting my lock cut off. I try to use the gym prior to PT, shower there after PT and try to make it in after work. Especially with the parking challenges on post, it would be very helpful to be able to leave my personal items in the locker for the week.
Response from the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation: The issuance of lockers at the Fitness Center is an issue that we have considered for some time and decided mainly for two reasons (Force Protection and Safety) that it would not be beneficial or feasible to the entire community to have assigned lockers.
The current policy was based on having enough lockers available and for open usage to the entire community on a daily basis.
Understanding the fact that the soldiers are deployed; however, there are still an average of 450 to 500 customers using the Gym each day and there are only 390 lockers in both men and women locker-rooms.
Issue: Is it possible to have the Teen Center open on the weekend? With all the teenagers here it would be great if they could use this facility during the weekends.
Response from DMWR: Child and Youth Services is currently exploring options that would provide us the staffing to operate on weekends.
We recognize the need to provide safe and interesting places for our teens to spend their free time on weekends.
We currently operate Monday-Friday with one director and two Child and Youth Program Assistants. We are researching ways in which our staffing authorizations would allow for weekend operations.
Our intent is to use the summer for a trial period for weekend openings, so we are working on having a schedule ready when school releases for the summer
Issue: I have a question concerning military retiree dental care on post.
Is there a policy letter concerning when and how military retirees can receive dental care? If so could it be published in the Outlook or some other media source?

What makes God smile

For the next 3 weeks, the 22nd Area Support Group Chaplain’s Family Life Office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173d Airborne Brigade chaplains, will write a series of devotional articles based on the best-selling book, “A Purpose Driven Life,” by Pastor Rick Warren.

The intent of these articles is to offer deployed soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation which you can use for weekly discussion and to hopefully deepen your spiritual connection during the separation.

By Chaplain (Maj.) Leon Kircher
22nd ASG Family Life Chaplain

“May the Lord smile on you...”
– Numbers 6: 25

What makes God smile? When He looks down at me sometimes I think He’s laughing!
The good news is that although we may stumble our way through life’s trials and our own seemingly never-ending shortcomings, God only and always wishes the best for us.
The story of Noah and the Ark illustrates a life that gives pleasure to God.
Noah and his family lived in a morally corrupt world. Because of this corrupt world, God considered destroying it completely. However, He found ONE man who made Him smile.

The Bible says: “Noah was a pleasure to the Lord,” Genesis 6: 8. Because God found Noah to be faithful, He decided to start over with his family.
It took Noah 120 years to build the Ark. For years he endured the criticism of all those around him, but he obeyed God. God eventually flooded the earth, but spared Noah and his family. And so you and I are here today because of him.
You can make God smile. It happens every time parents say the words, “I love you,” to their children – and vice versa.
God smiles when someone finds money in the post exchange and makes every effort to find the owner, without thinking for a moment of keeping it.
God smiles on you when temptation is around and you decide to take the high road and be faithful to your husband or wife.
God smiles when you act like He created you – as a human-being. To love our spouses and children. To raise families and plant and eat meals. God is not just pleased with you only when you are doing what some of us consider the “spiritual” things. He looks at every detail of your life. And it is all **HOLY!**
Whether at work, playing ball with the kids, washing dishes, children playing with friends, growing tomatoes in your backyard, or at prayer or worship; all can be done for the Glory of God if you do it with an attitude of praise and remember from
Whom all our good fortune flows...God. He loves you and wants only the best for your life!

containers with the capability to sort for recycling. One of these will be placed at the skateboard park.
Issue: People are continuously driving the wrong way on streets especially in the Shoppette parking lot. I often have my baby in my vehicle and have almost been in many accidents because people are neglecting and disregarding the traffic directions. I do not want to get into an accident because of someone else’s negligence.
Although there are signs posted, they need to be more visible, and the arrows on the ground need to be re-painted.
I realize that the post is short-staffed at this time, but the military police need to keep a closer watch on these drivers.
Response from DPW: This issue has been raised before in the CAC, and after an investigation, the consensus with the Provost Marshal Office is that the best solution was to remove both the arrows on the ground, and the “Do Not Enter” signs.
This will allow two way travel in the lanes with the subsequent requirement to look out for traffic in both directions.
Issue: Are helmets going to be required of children wearing heely shoes? It is as much a safety issue as all other activities that require wearing of protective gear.
Response from the 22nd ASG Safety Office: Heelys are a new product and sufficient data is not available to determine what safety protection should be required.
Current data and guidance from higher level safety channels does not dictate the need for helmets when using Heelys.
Rollerblading and skateboarding have been known to be major contributors to head injuries. Heelys are similar to but do not allow the speed of skateboards or rollerblades.
Current DODI guidance does not require the use of helmets for either rollerblades or skateboards but **does recommend their use** and was the bases for the current Community Policy Memorandum which requires the use of helmets when skateboarding or roller blading on post. The Safety Office will continue to monitor the use of Heelys and develop appropriate restrictions as necessary.

Legal education program accepting applicants for staff judge advocates

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program.

Under the FLEP program, the Army projects sending up to 15 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits.

Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2006 and will remain on active duty while attending law school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14 of Army Regulation 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility.

This program is open to commissioned officers in the grades of 2nd lieutenant through captain.

Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active Federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. For information about the LSAT, including published and non-published test sites, visit the Law School Admission Council website, at www.lsac.org, or contact the Education Center at 634-8126, off post at 0444-71-8126.

Officers must send their application through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at Human Resources Command, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (FLEP), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194. Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2005. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Interested officers should contact the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate at 634-7047 or 7819, off post at 0444-71-7047 or 7819.

Be aware when backing up

By Jim Adams
22nd ASG Safety Officer
Press Release

Every year children are injured or killed because drivers don't see them while backing up. In 2003, 58 children were killed in back-over incidents, and the numbers are increasing. One of the contributing factors for this increase in accidents is the number of minivans, pickups and sport-utility vehicles with larger blind spots behind the vehicle.

Backover accidents usually occur when a person – often a child – is hidden in the vehicle’s blind spot. The longer the vehicle, the higher the rear window, and the bigger the blind spot. This makes it more difficult to see if a child or object is on the ground behind your vehicle.

Blind spots vary not only by vehicle but also by drivers, the taller the driver, the smaller the blind spot.

In a small car with an average height driver the blind spot may extend roughly 12 feet behind the vehicle.

With a shorter driver – five feet tall or less – the blind spot can increase to 17 feet.

In a minivan, the blind spots range from 13 to 23 feet. In sport-utility vehicles, the blind spot can increase to 14.5 feet for an average height person to 24.5 feet for a shorter person.

The blind spot can even be larger in the oversized SUVs being marketed today.

Automakers are now offering vehicle sensors and cameras as safety items to assist drivers in backing up safely. However, these can be expensive to install on older vehicles. For about \$20, you can purchase a rear view safety lens (called a fisheye) that will do a great job, but they are only effective on vertical rear windows such as those found on minivans and sport-utility vehicles. This fish-eye lens sticks to the rear window and allows you to see a wide-angle horizontal and vertical views behind your vehicle.

However, the best and first line of defense against backover accidents is to get out of your car and clear the area behind prior to backing up. *This would also prevent a great deal of the fender-bender crashes that occur almost daily in the Vicenza community.*

Other actions you can take to prevent a backover accident:

- ◆ If children often play in your driveway, park on the street.
- ◆ Check the driveway as you approach your home and prior to backing up.
- ◆ Constantly scan side and rear view mirrors while backing up.
- ◆ If you have a camera or warning device, use them, but don't rely on them 100 percent as they might not work correctly. Continue checking your mirrors along with these aids.
- ◆ Show your children how hard it is to see them when they are behind the vehicle.

Again, the best defense is getting out of your vehicle and checking the entire rear area prior to backing up. You should also continue to check all vehicle mirrors until you come to a complete stop.

Don't leave it up to children to do the right thing. Do the right thing and protect those who rely on you to protect them.

Sullivan takes charge of 839th Transportation Battalion



Lt. Col. Gene Sullivan (right) receives the colors representing the Command of the 839th Transportation Battalion from Col. Garry Stanley, 598th Transportation Group commander, Rotterdam, Netherlands, during the June 15 change of command ceremony that was held in the Camp Darby post. Sullivan takes command from Lt. Col Christian Heibel, who is leaving for the U.S. Army Human Resources Command in Alexandria, Va. Lt.Col. Gene Sullivan arrives to Camp Darby from the Combined Arms Support Command, Fort Lee, Va., where he served as a Combat Developer and Chief of the Command Planning Group. (Photo by Chiara Mattirollo, Camp Darby Public Affairs)

Treatments for sunburn, heat rash

Center for Disease Control
Press Release

The sun is out and so is school. This means people may be spending a lot of time outdoors.

Remember, sunburn should be avoided because it is damaging to the skin. Although the discomfort is usually minor and healing often occurs in about a week, a more severe sunburn may require medical attention.

Recognizing Sunburn

Symptoms of sunburn are well known: skin becomes red, painful, and abnormally warm after sun exposure.

What to Do

Consult a doctor if the sunburn affects an infant under 1 year of age or if these symptoms are present:

- ◆ fever
- ◆ fluid-filled blisters
- ◆ severe pain

Also, remember these tips when treating sunburn:

- ◆ Avoid repeated sun exposure.

- ◆ Apply cold compresses or immerse the sunburned area in cool water.
- ◆ Apply moisturizing lotion to affected areas. Do not use salve, butter, or ointment.
- ◆ Do not break blisters.

Heat Rash

Heat rash is a skin irritation caused by excessive sweating during hot, humid weather. It can occur at any age but is most common in young children.

Recognizing Heat Rash

Heat rash looks like a red cluster of pimples or small blisters. It is more likely to occur on the neck and upper chest, in the groin, under the breasts, and in elbow creases.

What to Do

The best treatment for heat rash is to provide a cooler, less humid environment. Keep the affected area dry. Dusting powder may be used to increase comfort, but avoid using ointments or creams — they keep the skin warm and moist and may make the condition worse.

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DOL employee has a razor-sharp skill in knife-making



Nevio Toich, a supervisor with the 22nd Area Support Group Directorate of Logistics, works on the blade of a knife. Knife-making is a hobby that has won the Italian several awards. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

By Kent Harris
Stars and Stripes

Some might call Nevio Toich a Renaissance man. But to a select circle of enthusiasts and experts in Italy, he’s known simply as a *coltellinaio* (knife maker). And a very good one at that.

The 55-year-old Italian is a supervisor for the 22nd Area Support Group Directorate of Logistics. His section is responsible for maintaining just about all of the equipment that’s movable around Caserma Ederle.

It’s a job that requires more than a touch of patience. So does his hobby.

Toich has been recognized as one of the finest custom knife makers in Italy.

“It’s top notch,” said Capt. Earl Barron of Toich’s knife work. “It’s better than some of the stuff I’ve seen back in the States.”

That’s probably about as fine a compliment as Barron, currently assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade’s Rear Detachment, could give Toich.

“The fathers of modern knife making are Americans,” Toich says, expressing his respect for a handful of men whose work eventually led to a specialized industry with customers around the globe.

“Now, there are at least three different magazines on knife making,” Toich says.

He didn’t learn his skills from a magazine, though.

“I have been making knives, but not intensely, for about the last 40 years,” he said. At one point, he and a partner had their own knife-making business, complete with a series of glossy catalogs featuring not only a variety of knives, but letter openers, corkscrews, bottle openers and nutcrackers. He sold the line off years ago, and now mostly makes knives for friends – and his own enjoyment.

“It is definitely rewarding,” to see the finished product, he said.

And, in a few cases, it’s been awarding as well.

Toich entered a contest in Scarperia four times in the late 1980s. The town near Florence is famous for its knives. The first year, he

took third. The second year, he was second. The last two years he entered, he won.

Toich’s winning entries were a Bowie knife and an all-purpose knife that is probably his favorite. He’s made dozens of different kinds of knives with several different purposes. Some are made from designs that originated in the States, while others come from Europe or have Oriental flavors.

Many have handles made of various types of wood. Toich shapes those as well and also fashions the leather sheaths the knives come in.

Barron said one of the things that impresses him about the knives Toich makes is their individuality.

“They all have their own personalities,” Barron said.

And they all have uses. Toich said he’s aware that many people in the military might look at a knife primarily as a weapon. But while his knives are certainly sharp enough for that purpose, that’s not why he makes them.

“To me, a knife is not a weapon, but a tool,” he said. A tool for hunting. A tool for cooking.

A tool for a lot of tasks around a farm.

Toich said he uses knives himself at home routinely when he cooks. His specialties are meat, fish and Oriental dishes, all of which involve some amount of cutting, slicing or chopping.

His other hobbies include archery and horseback riding, which he did extensively in the States while taking breaks from a previous job with an American-based shipping company.

But it’s the knife-making that’s consumed the most of his attention – and resources. In order to craft a knife, he uses grinders, drills, saws and buffers. He said he probably never made much money making knives, in part because the resources are expensive in Italy. And it’s a time-consuming process.

“It usually requires between 15 and 35 to 40 hours,” per knife, Toich says.

Despite spending decades with sharp and admittedly dangerous objects, Toich says he’s only been cut “maybe a couple of times.”

“A dull knife is a lot more dangerous, because you have to use a lot more force to make it work,” he says. “Any of my knives, when it’s finished, you can shave with it. If you can’t, it’s dull and you need to sharpen it.”

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Toich uses a Bader belt-grinder to smooth and sharpen the metal. This equipment does about 90 percent of the work for him.



Just a few of the many knives and holders handmade by Nevio Toich.

Red Cross celebrates beginnings with torchlight procession

By Megan Gafford
Special to the Outlook

On June 21, 1859, a battle was fought at Solferino between the allied French army and the Austrian army. This battle was the deciding factor in the Franco-Austrian War and part of the struggle to unify Italy, which at the time was divided between the Papal States, Spain, France and Austria.

After more than nine hours of fighting, almost 30,000 soldiers were left dead or dying on the battlefield.

Henri Dunant, a Swiss businessman and humanitarian who had been touring Europe decrying the evils of slavery, visited Solferino and saw the men left to die. Dunant was horrified to see that the Soldiers were not receiving the basic medical attention that could have saved them. Upon his return to Geneva, Dunant wrote *A Memory of Solferino*.

The book got the attention of Switzerland’s Federal Council, and the council decided to hold the first Geneva Conference to discuss ways of implementing Dunant’s ideas – thus the foundations for the International Red Cross were laid.

Since the establishment of the International Red Cross in the 1860s, the organization has grown into the largest humanitarian non-government organization in the world.

To celebrate the beginnings of the Red Cross, the *Museo Internazionale della Croce Rossa* (International Museum of the Red Cross) sponsored the 13th annual *Fiaccolata* torch lighting ceremony Saturday. The procession travels from Solferino to Castiglione delle Stiviere, where the museum is located.

In the museum, documents, surgical instruments, litters and camp equipment are displayed to remind visitors of the role the Red Cross has played in relief causes past and present.

The American contingent, sponsored by the Caserma Ederle American Red Cross office participated in the climactic 10 km torchlight procession.

“Red Cross volunteers and staff are working all over the world toward improving conditions for mankind. But, working alone, or in small groups, it’s easy to forget that we’re not fighting alone. This event is a truly inspirational experience, driving home the solidarity of the international Red Cross and Red Crescent movement,” said Samantha Wudel, assistant station manager, American Red Cross-Vicenza.



Volunteers and staff from the American Red Cross, Mediterranean Hub, participate in the 10K walk from Solferino to Castiglione della Stiviere. (Photo courtesy of the American Red Cross)



Chaplain (Maj.) Leon Kircher presents a check from the combined worship services on Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby to the local Red Cross Manager, Darleen Sehorn. The American Red Cross is a non-profit organization supported by donations. The donation goes specifically to volunteers in the ASG. The new case statement for the organization is “The American Red Cross - Help Around the Clock, Around the World” and the more than 130 Vicenza Red Cross volunteers certainly help make that happen in this community. With the support of generous people like those from the chapel, the work and outreach continues during this time of deployment throughout the world and throughout the years. If you have some time to give and would like to be an American Red Cross volunteer please contact the office at 634-7089 or stop by Davis Family Readiness Center. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



NBA stars teach, play in Vicenza

By Diana Bahr
Outlook Editor

Despite being an hour late, Darryl Dawkins, Dale Ellis and Thurl Bailey, all former National Basketball Association players, arrived on Caserma Ederle Thursday to an enthusiastic crowd of young and old—all ready to learn from, and take on, the three hoops legends.

The trio is participating in the ‘Classics of Hardwood’ tour sponsored by MWR. The first stop for the players was the fitness center gym where they held a basketball clinic. Afterward they went to the food court where they signed autographs and chatted with fans.

But the real treat was when the basketball players returned to the fitness center gym and took on all comers in a 3-on-3 competition. “As retired athletes we have an opportunity to give back to the armed forces and show that we appreciate what they’re doing on our behalf,” said Thurl Bailey. “We were hoping to go to Iraq, but they felt it was a bit too dangerous at this time.”

Bailey is no stranger to the area as he played professional basketball for a team in Milan.



At far left: Chakeira Gilbert goes up against Darryl Dawkins. Top left: Dale Ellis autographs a basketball for a young in the food court. Bottom left: Thurl Bailey (center) talks to two boys during the clinic held in the fitness center Thursday morning. (Photos courtesy of Carlos Lazo)

Serengeti Trek gives children an opportunity to learn about God

Story and photos
By Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Pomeroy
SETAF Public Affairs

For one week this summer, 131 kids who attended the post chapel’s week-long Vacation Bible School learned Bible stories and lessons with East Africa’s Serengeti’s plains as the theme.

This year’s Serengeti Trek is “where kids are wild about God,” according to Religious Education director, David Kessler.

The Bible school delicately balances fun with learning in a non-competitive atmosphere, explained Jennifer McNeese. Younger children are put into groups, led by a crew leader, with older children where the older children can coach and mentor them.

“It cuts down on disciplinary problems,” said McNeese. “And they are assisting the little ones in the group to complete the project.”

During the week, the post chapel overflows with groups of children who are being taken by crew leaders to one of the five daily “stations.”

They remain at each station for a half-hour activity based on one of the five days’ themes (knowing God, talking to God, telling about God, loving God, and working for God).

“They really enjoy the theater, they love the crafts and making the snacks is always a treat, they love snack time—what kid doesn’t,” said Kessler.

Based on the energy-level and frenzied activity at the chapel during the week, certainly bears out the claim that the children were enjoying themselves.

Whether they were making Gideon’s [a Biblical figure] Trail Mix, playing Gideon Army Tag, or watching Chadder’s Adventure Theater, where the furry, teddy bear-like

animal goes through various trials being pursued and tempted by the sneaky Dr. Gallstone, the lessons are all related to moral choices and faith at a child’s level.

Group Publishing, a Colorado-based company that specializes in non-denominational Christian education for children, uses different “themes” every year as a teaching tool.

“It just amazes me that the themes that the publisher comes up with,” said Kessler. “Last year was Lava-Lava Island, the year before that was SCUBA.

“The year before that was, bugs,” said Kessler with a laugh. “They had all these little bugs and bees and insects like that, and each theme revolved around a bug. The year before that was polar expedition.”

As soon as this year’s Vacation Bible School is over, Kessler will begin preparing for next year’s Vacation Bible School week.

“We’re already looking at some options, based on the fact that folks will be returning from deployment,” McNeese stated.

“I just hope it gets even bigger next year,” he said. “One of the daily challenges on day one for the kids, is to go home and bring a friend back to Vacation Bible School. I thought that was a really neat outreach, so I hope that people hear about this, and hear about the positive things and how much the kids like it.”

Top: Maria Perez, a “Sing and Play Roar” leader, encourages the children to sing loudly as they follow her lead during the Vacation Bible School on Thursday. Every year VBS has a theme, and this year it’s ‘Serengeti Trek,’ which is found in eastern Africa. Serengeti Trek has five stations where the children have different activities relating to the day’s lesson (knowing God, talking to God, telling about God, loving God, and working for God).



At left: A child attending Vacation Bible School reaches to pat Chadder held by Lisa O’Neill, a station leader. Chadder is also featured in movies where the animal faces trials and tribulations, which are used to teach the children about making good choices.

Above: Two girls spend time at the Critter Crafts station during Vacation Bible School.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

For artists

Artists who want to exhibit their works can do so in downtown Vicenza, at the 8th edition of “Artists in the Streets.”

The exhibition’s theme ‘Looking towards the Orient,’ will take place Sep 3 and 4 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.

Participants must register before July 10 at the art store, “Il Corniciaio,” located at 40/a Contra Porta Padova, located near Ponte degli Angeli. The cost is 70 Euro.

The street, where each artist will have four meters to show their works, plus an umbrella, starts from *Ponte degli Angeli* goes down *Via S. Pietro* and ends in San Pietro’s Square.

For further information, stop by the store or phone 0444-514397 and ask for Daniele.

Murano regatta

Sunday: This regatta tests the ability of competitors to single-handedly steer their vessels at high speed through the canals of Murano, an island easily reached by water bus from St. Marks Square in Venice.

The race takes place in the waters of the laguna between Venice and Murano, as well as within the complex canal system of the island. This makes for some interesting nautical maneuvering.

Women competitors, and the very young, are allowed to use *pupparini*, which are lighter than the cumbersome one-oar gondolas reserved for the men.

The race starts at 4:30 p.m. and the best viewing spot is the island of Murano itself.

Waterfalls Park

Parco delle Cascate, (waterfall park) is located near the little village of Molina, in the province of Verona.

As its name says, the element of major interest is represented by a series of waterfalls.

Smooth and safe pathways lead the visitor to the edge of deep ravines, where the water falls noisily. At other points, the stream flows slowly and forms little green lakes.

A further element of attraction, is represented by the richness in plants and herbs that the park boasts and by an exhibition in the Botanical Museum.

The museum is situated in a building attached to the main entrance and offers the visitor the opportunity of learning to recognize the countless existing

species of plants.

Other things to see in the park are an old dairy, mill ruins and mysterious crosses engraved on rocks. There is a bar and picnic areas.

There are three different routes you can take lasting a half an hour, one hour, or a two hour route.

You can find the routes online and other information, in Italian only, at www.cascatemolina.it.

Parco della cascate is open everyday from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Entrance fees are 4 Euro for adults, and free for children under 6 years of age.

The small village of Molina will celebrate the *32nd Festa Cascate di Molina*, (32nd Waterfall Festival of Molina) July 17.

Events start at 10 a.m. with a antique arts and crafts show. At noon food stands open serving traditional food prepared from antique recipes to include a soup, trout and cake.

At 4 p.m. listen to a small cabaret play and at 8 p.m. there’s accordion music in the square by a prize-winning musician.

Youth orchestra

The London Schools Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Peter Ash ,will give a free concert on July 24 at 8:45 p.m. in the Marostica’s castle courtyard. This is the one located in the human chess square.

The soloist will be Alexander Markov on violin, and the program will include music by L. Cherubini, N. Paganini and G. Mahler.

The orchestra consists of 101 young musicians from London and is claimed to be one of the best youth orchestras in the area.

Stay in a monastery

For centuries, monasteries, convents and abbeys in Italy have provided travelers with a safe, peaceful and spiritual place of refuge.

Anyone seeking lodging in an Italian monastic guesthouse is welcome, including single men, single women, couples, and families with children. You will not need to take a vow of chastity and poverty, wear monastic robes, or belong to any particular faith or religious denomination.

Certain rules may have to be observed such as no mobile phones outside your room, no TV or radio, curfews, and being quiet when wandering through areas where the monks live.

For a complete listing of

monasteries, convents, and other religious institutions that offer accommodations to visitors, it’s amenities, cost, directions by car, train or plane, and contact names, write to: Vicariato di Roma, Piazza S. Giovanni, 8, 00184 Roma.

Or check out the Web site: goitaly.about.com/od/accommodation/a/monastery.htm and click on *Lodging in Italy’s Monasteries*.

The palio in Siena

The world famous *Palio di Siena* is set for Saturday, and again Aug. 16.

Start of Saturday’s Palio is 5:20 p.m. with a historical parade. The horses enter the square around 7 p.m. for a start time of the race at 7:30 p.m. The race lasts approximately two minutes.

Entrance into the square, standing room only, is free.

If you go early to get a good position in the square make sure you take headgear as there is no shade in the square. The race is also shown on national TV, usually inserted in the news program.

International military band festival

The 14th edition of the International Military Band Tattoo begins Monday and runs through July 9 in the city of Modena.

There will be four bands from Italy: The Central Band of the Navy, Band of the Brigade Aosta, Fanfare Bersaglieri Garibaldi Brigade and the Band of the Trasporti and Materiali School.

From Bulgaria the Navy Band of the Bulgarian Army; from Finland its the Conscript Band of the Finish Defence Forces; from Oman see the Royal Army Band of Oman; and from Turkey is the Mehter Band.

Tickets are online and the program may be seen on the Web site: www.modenafestivalbande.it.

If you fancy a trip to Edinburgh, the *Military Tattoo 2005* celebrates the Royal Navy and commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

Featuring the Massed Bands of Her Majesty’s Royal Marines and the renowned Massed Pipes & Drums from Scotland and the Commonwealth, the tattoo is held Aug. 5-27 in the Edinburgh castle. This year’s highlights include bands and acts from the United States and Russia.

The program and tickets are available online at www.edinburgh-tattoo.co.uk.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

June 28	Spiderman 2 (PG13)	3 p.m.
June 29	Spy Kids 3-D (PG)	3 p.m.
	Fever Pitch (PG13)	7 p.m.
June 30	The Upside of Anger (R)	7 p.m.
July 1	Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith (PG13)	7 p.m.
	House of Wax (R)	10 p.m.
July 2	Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith (PG13)	2 p.m.
	House of Wax (R)	7 p.m.
	Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith (PG13)	10 p.m.
July 3	House of Wax (R)	2 p.m.
	Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 4	Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 5	Closed	

Camp Darby Theater

July 1	XXX: State of the Union (PG13)	7 p.m.
July 2	Sin City (R)	7 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

FEVER PITCH - *Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon*. When Lindsey, a big time executive, meets funny and charming high school teacher, Ben, they hit it off until Lindsey realizes Ben is a Red Sox fan. She herself must realize it’s the Red Sox or Ben before she breaks it off and can accept his obsession with the Red Sox.

HOUSE OF WAX - *Elisha Cuthbert, Chad Michael Murray*. A group of friends on their way to a college football game falls prey to a pair of murderous brothers in an abandoned small town. They discover that the brothers have expanded upon the area’s main attraction.. the House of Wax, and created an entire town filled with the wax-coated corpses of unlucky visitors. Now the group must find a way out before they too become permanent exhibits in the House of Wax.

SIN CITY - *Bruce Willis, Mickey Rourke*. Sin City is a violent city where the police department is as corrupt as the streets are deadly. There’s the street thug Marv whose desperate quest to find the killer of a prostitute named Goldie will lead him to the foulest edges of town. Inhabiting many of those areas is, a photographer in league with the sordid ladies of Sin City, headed by Gail who opens up a mess of trouble after tangling with a corrupt cop by the name of Jackie Boy. Finally, there’s Hartigan, an ex-cop with a heart problem who’s hell-bent on protecting a stripper named Nancy.

STAR WARS: EPISODE III - REVENGE OF THE SITH *Ewan McGregor, Hayden Christensen*. Three years after the Battle of Geonosis, the Clone Wars are coming to a close. Obi-Wan Kenobi, now a general dispatched by the Republic to bring down remaining Separatists Count Dooku and General Grievous. And Chancellor Palpatine has become corrupt, proclaiming himself Emperor, and, with Anakin Skywalker’s help, begins to turn the Republic into the Galactic Empire. As Anakin ultimately becomes the evil we know as Darth Vader, Padme goes into hiding, and, at the end of one war, another conflict we know all too well is about to begin.

THE UPSIDE OF ANGER - *Joan Allen, Kevin Costner*. Terry is left to raise her four headstrong daughters when her husband unexpectedly disappears. Things get even more hectic when she falls for her neighbor Denny, a once-great baseball star turned radio D.J. This leaves her daughters out on a limb, they are forced to juggle their mom’s romantic dilemmas as well as their own.

XXX: STATE OF THE UNION - *Ice Cube, Samuel L. Jackson*. NSA Agent Augustus Gibbons, fresh off the success of his last renegade recruitment, once again finds himself in need of an outsider. Gibbons and his new agent, also code-named “XXX,” must track a dangerous military splinter group led by Willem Dafoe that is conspiring to overthrow the U.S. Government.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.
Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

Summer Shout Out brings celebrities, sports figures to Caserma Ederle

Directorate of MWR
Press Release

Over the next nine weeks, the Vicenza community will take part in the MWR Summer Shout Out happening across Europe.

The Shout Out features appearances by celebrities where the community has the opportunity for autographs and clinics.

Please note that dates and times are subject to change, so call the MWR Marketing office at 634-7343, or check the DMWR Web

site at: www.vicenzamwr.com for updates.

Superman flies into Vicenza June 28, where he will read to children in the Post Library from 9-10 a.m. He will visit the Child Development Center from 10-11 a.m., and be available for autographs in the food court from 11:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

He’ll finish up the day with another reading session at the library from 3-4 p.m.

The **Hardcourt Dream Tour** features Harlem Globetrotter

Curly Neal and WNBA star Rushia Brown July 5.

Meet these stars at the food court from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and if you like to play basketball you’ll want to attend the clinics at the Youth Services pavilion. Times to be announced.

Shana Banana, featured on Disney Radio and coming soon to the Disney Channel, is the ultimate kids show with fun as the key ingredient.

The music is hip with silliness and learning rolled into one. Don’t

miss her appearance July 8.

Baseball clinics with Ken Griffey Sr., formerly with the Cincinnati Reds, and Kelly Gruber, member of the 1992 World Champion Blue Jays. take place July 11. Times and places to be announced.

The July 20 **‘Spirit and Body Tour’** features Billy and Shellie Blanks. Billy is the inventor of Tae Bo. Soldiers can participate in physical fitness sessions in the Fitness Center at 6:30 a.m.

Family members and civilians

can participate in an aerobic session with Billy and Shellie at 5 p.m.

Meet them both and get an autograph in the food court from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Team Rootberry (Jonathan Root and Bill Berry) are a juggling team with an “X factor.” Watch them juggle flaming chain saws, flying pigs, and more!

Catch their performance July 26. For additional information call Allen Ebert, Entertainment director at 634-7281.



A spouse and her daughter get ready to record their message and read a book to their deployed Soldier during the demonstration held at ACS June 21. The kits come with a nice selection of children’s books in case the family would like to read a book on the tape.

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Being apart from your spouse and family for a long time may be a stressful period for whomever experiences this type of situation. Children and adults may react differently when separated, but both show a desire to find ways to communicate with their loved ones.

A way to help deal with separation is now possible, thanks to new equipment available at Caserma Ederle’s Army Community Service and the Post Library.

The two facilities have just received video messaging kits that allow families to record up to a 15-minute message to send to a loved one downrange.

“I was fortunate to see this project started,” said Holly Gifford, ACS director.

“I was at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center in Alexandria, Virginia, and the center came out with the idea of a way to have Soldiers who were downrange read books to their children on a videotape and send it home,” she explained.

The first time Gifford saw the first demonstration was a couple of years ago.

Now, this equipment is here and will come in handy for

Video messaging system helps staying connected to deployed loved ones easier

all the community members who would like to use this system.

“It will maintain the contact, the closeness after being apart from your spouse for so long,” said spouse Janine Smith, after she completing the first video messaging along with her three daughters.

“I know I miss hearing his voice, but with this video he will be able to hear his children’s voices.”

According to Smith, it is also very important to see the children while they show something that they have accomplished during this time or while they are reading in front of the camera or talking about their latest trip.

“It will be a base and a foundation to start conversations and continue them with,” she said. “If I send this [video] today, my husband will have it in two weeks. So it is the most up-to-date current thing that he has and he can watch again, and he can hear our voices.”

In addition to providing the assistance, the equipment, and the CDs/tapes, ACS and the library staff will also support with the packaging materials needed to mail the items downrange.

The kits also come with a nice selection of children’s books if the family would like to read a book on the tape.

“The Video Messenger System is great because it allows the spouse deployed to see his/her family members all the time by simply placing the CD into a computer,” commented Cynthia Giesecke, Vicenza Army Family Team Building program manager, after reading one of the books to her 3-year-old daughter Marina.

She was among the first members who tried the equipment during the demonstration held at ACS June 21.

“When the service members are feeling lonely or stressed, they can put this CD on to remind them of home and give them a sense of security, love and – most of all – remind them of the support and patriotism of the family. I think that every family member needs to take advantage of this opportunity because not everyone has access to these resources such as a video camera, computer, at home,” she concluded.

For family members interested in recording a video message, schedule an appointment through the Communication Center in Davis Family Readiness Center at 634-6831, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Taping appointments are from Monday-Sunday, from 8 a.m.- 8 p.m. But you need to make an appointment first.

For more information, contact ACS or the post library, respectively at 634-6831 and 634-8419.

“Details are pretty much the same as ACS except we only have one ‘kit’ and ACS has two,” said Steve Brown, Vicenza librarian.

“We will make the system available by appointment during regular hours of Library operation.”

As of today, the new hours of the library are: Monday from 1-7 p.m., Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The library is closed on all federal holidays.



John Martin, Family Assistance Center contractor, sets up the mobile video messaging kit helped by Sandy Schoenberg, Communication Center coordinator before the demonstration at ACS.

Camp Darby wins Best BOSS



The Camp Darby Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers program was awarded first place for the Best BOSS Event (small installation) and first place for the Best Boss Program (small installation) during an conference held in Heidelberg, Germany recently. A luncheon was held at the Livorno Dining Facility to celebrate the event, and members of the European Commission came down to participate. “The BOSS representative is honored to receive this recognition and to be able to serve their fellow service members,” said Tech Sgt. Kenneth Carson, 712th Munitions Squadron. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, Camp Darby Public Affairs)

Reibsome awarded House of the Month



Congratulations to Wendy Reibsome, wife of Staff Sgt. Ricky Reibsome, Alpha Co, 1-508th Infantry (Airborne) as the winner of the Yard of the Month. 1st Sgt. Mason Bryant, SETAF Headquarters Support Company, presented Reibsome with a \$25 gift certificate from the commissary, an AAFES gift coupon booklet, and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from AUSA for her efforts. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Pomeroy, SETAF Public Affairs)



Shuttle bus schedule for July 3, 4

July 3 Shuttle Bus Schedule	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	3RD RUN	4TH RUN	5TH RUN
THEATRE	11:20	15:20	19:20	21:20	23:20
VILLAGGIO #1	11:40	15:40	19:40	21:40	23:40
VILLAGGIO #2	11:41	15:41	19:41	21:41	23:41
VILLAGGIO #3	11:42	15:42	19:42	21:42	23:42
VILLAGGIO #4	11:43	15:43	19:43	21:43	23:43
VILLAGGIO #5	11:44	15:44	19:44	21:44	23:44
VILLAGGIO #6	11:45	15:45	19:45	21:45	23:45
VILLAGGIO#7	11:46	15:46	19:46	21:46	23:46
CASERMA ARRIVAL	12:00	16:00	20:00	22:00	0:00

July 4 Shuttle Bus Schedule	1ST RUN	2ND RUN	3RD RUN	4TH RUN	5TH RUN
THEATRE	11:20	15:20	19:20	21:20	23:20
VILLAGGIO #1	11:40	15:40	19:40	21:40	23:40
VILLAGGIO #2	11:41	15:41	19:41	21:41	23:41
VILLAGGIO #3	11:42	15:42	19:42	21:42	23:42
VILLAGGIO #4	11:43	15:43	19:43	21:43	23:43
VILLAGGIO #5	11:44	15:44	19:44	21:44	23:44
VILLAGGIO #6	11:45	15:45	19:45	21:45	23:45
VILLAGGIO#7	11:46	15:46	19:46	21:46	23:46
CASERMA ARRIVAL	12:00	16:00	20:00	22:00	0:00